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STAFFORD

Hard Luck of a Colored Preacher Adjudged A Lunatic Notes and Personals

Correspondence to The Free Lance Stafford C. H., Va., Nov. 6, 1899 Lance of about a week ago, in relation report will be only a more elaborate to the love affairs of one of our local argument along the same line; and, dered preachers, it appears that he, so far as the people are concerned, it in company with three of his church had as well not be published at all

Mr. Alvin Lowery, one of our best being attended by Drs. Holes and Bar- gamists of Sulu

Visitors at the C. H. this week, Moncure, D. W. Coakley, Commissioner of R venue, John N. Fritter, Walter Warmsley, sheriff, Mr. and Mrs. Chas-Bryan, Dr. H. Stone and John W.

Professor Gilbert Walden gave an entertainment Saturday night, which | ferentially allied ourselves with was well attended and much enjoyed. Aguinald. Geo. Massey, colored, was adjudged a lunatic last Saturday by a commission composed of Justices Bryan, Payne, and Garrison, and committed to jail. On Sunday whilst the jailer was absent he tore down the stove tore off all his clothing and burnt them. After quite a battle he was secured in American sovereigenty. War with one of the cells. Geo was sent to the the natives was absolutely unavoid-Central Hospital about six years ago, and had been returned to his home five years ago as cured.

Mr. Kenny Bradshaw, of Prince William county, is visiting friends at a peacoful settlement of the trouble, Garrisonville

have returned from their wedding Mr. D. Mercer Waller, of Culpeper ounty, who has been visiting friends

3rd Wednesday, from present indications, they will have very little to do. are, and of right ought to be free; the anomalous position of being treat-

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Death of a Soldier Who Was Wounded When Carrying Stonewall Jackson From the Field.

w.ll Jackson, has passed away. Mr. Johnson died at his home, in Fluyanna, on Thursday, October 26 He was a member of Company H, Twenty-second Virginia Battalion, and was in his 77th year.

Mr. Johnson was one of the litter bearers who removed General Jackson when he was mortally wounded at Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863. There Mc. Johnson lost an arm under mem

Mr. H. W. Sadler, of Fluvanna, a member of the same company as Mr. Johnson, gives the following ac-

"A few minutes after Jackson was wounded an officer dashed up to our lines and ordered Johnson to take his litter and follow him. Comrade Johnson refused, saying he could not leave his own officers. The officers then turned to the major of the bat other restrictions on American comtalion, who was near Johnson, and said, in a low voice: Let him go with me, for an important officer has which exist under the present treaties of the United States with China. Vec officer off the field.

were moving down the road toward also from England, but not from our lines, he and another of the bearers were severely wounded and fell, throwing the General to the ground. Other bearers were obtain ed. Comrade Johnson was sent from the field, and his arm was taken off near the shoulder the next day. always said to the members of his company when going into a fight: Boys, if any of you are hart I will take care of you and take you off the field.' And he always did it.
"He was a tried and true soldiers, a

man of sterling worth, strictly honor rable, and for a number of years s member of Lyle's Baptist Church."
Mr. Johnson was in Richmond at the time of the unveiling of the Lee monument. He was recognized by the old soldiers from every part of the S ate and honized. His death

will cause much sortow among his old friends and comrades. - Richmond Report of the Philippine Commission. The Norfolk Landmark says:

"It is not surprising that the preliminary report of the Pulippine Commission, just submitted to the President, is practically a brief in favor of the administration's policy. As a sequel to the paragraph in The It is probable that a more detailed

members, proceeded to call upon his Its contents are already discounted buxom widow and demanded a return Commission, we understand, is an of his household goods—a wordy argu-ment ensued; the preacher using his Mr. Schurman, the President of the mouth, the widow a club, which waxed commission, executed a complete so warm, the preacher was compelled somersault, as he had expressed him. to retreat, with his membership under self some mouths before his appoint. fire, and the rout was as disgraceful as | ment as being seriously apprehen the one at Ladysmith on the part ive of the result of a coionial policy of the British in South Afri- By the time Mr. Schurman reached , as per recent telegrams from that the Philippines he had become an ar dent advocate of the very thing he feared. He seems able now to Mr Alvin Lowery, one of our best schools are sufficiently congress, who lives near Brooke, is lying seriously ill with fever, and is defense of the treaty with the poly-We doubt if very many persons

will succeed in wading through the Messrs. Hugh Adie, A. W. Gill, R. A. | whele or even the preliminary report is so monotonously one-sided that it soon grows uninteresting. If we are to accept all its statements. this country's treatment of the Filipinos has been angelie. We never led them to expect their inde-pendence; we never even infer 'there was never any combined movement by the Unied States and Filippino against the Spaniards! The F.lipinos are en-Aguinaldo is a bad egg; most of the islanders sincerely yearn for the suppression of the 'insurrection' and the permanent establishment of able; Aguinaldo made common talk of his intention to attack the Americans before the Paris treaty was negotiated; the Filippinos have not made any sincere movement towards whereas we have done everything Mr John W. Waller and his bride. that is possible to placate them; and

on, and so on, and so on. "The main facts, which the Com-mission does not consider and was not appointed to consider, are that we are refusing to grant freedom to a people who would have won it for at Garrisonville, returned to his home hemselves if we had let them alone; Grand jury term of the county court, that we are grossly inconsistent There is nothing on docket of conse- and independent, while in the same breath we declare the contrary of the F.lipinos, who Admiral Dewey asserts to be much superior to the Cubans, that Admiral Dewey, under instruct ions, no doubt, from the Washington authorities, invited Aguinaldo to go to the Pailippines and organize an insurrection, and on leaving Hong Kong with the American fleet telegraphed Aguinaldo to make haste Did not the Filipinos have every reason to expect our acquiescence in their demand for freedom, in the light of our course towards Cuba? And did we make any statement esculated to remove such an impression. It is a waste of time to ask anything more about the 'preliminary report' of the Pailippine Commission, except perhaps, that it is fired suspiciously near the close of the Obio campaign."

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'Spheres of Influence."

The Baltimore Sun says: "It is announced from Washington that Secretary Hay has asked the various governments of Europe that have recently acquired 'spheres of influence' in China for written assurances that merce other or greater than those told him to go and help a wounded bal assurances to this effect bave been obtained, it is stated, from Rus-"A few minutes after getting the General on the litter, and as they sia and Germany, and, doubtless, France. Russia has announced to the world that by the Czar's good will commerce is, for the present at least, to be free at Talienwan at cer. tain wharves apart from those reserved for Russian use. It may be inferred that the same guarded privileges will be accorded at Newchwang, which is the centre of our largest cotton-goods trade with Chins, when the contemplated and impending appropriation by Russia of that important port is consummated. Germany has similarly offered the world freedom of intercourse with her ac quisitions in the province of Shartung, her purpose ir deed being, it is given out, to make Kiso Chou a free port, after the model of Hongkeng.

"But these gratuitous offers, being acts of grace, may, it is said, be at any time withdrawn, if no definite obligation to other powers exist.

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door open to all comers; it is there-

altered. The right of a power to an-

uex the territory of another power is

-carries with it the right to impo e

probibitory tar if rates at all the ports

of the annexed territory. But the spheres of influence in China have

not been annexed. Manchuria and

ed as subject to Pekin for some pur-

is equivocal till it suits the stronger

power to assume complete control

What Secretary Hay asks, accord-

Chins. There will be no opposition

to annexation, it is implied, if it

we have no desire to be mixed up in

the tangle of the conflicting ambitions

of the powers in that quarter of the globe."

And why give them a

chance to guess you are even

five or ten years more?

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Agricultural Implements, Seeds, Gusno, and t) continue permanently the liberal policy that Russia, Germany and England now observe during their own good pleasure. It has been sug gested to him, it is said, that the United States should itself acquire ome part of the coast of Coina as a sphere of influence with a view to developing trade with the interior, as MRS. JENCIE MONROE. other powers have done. But this alternative has been rejected. United States will not participate in the dismemberment of China, but

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MAGNIFICENT APPLE BRANDY, WAR-BANTED PURE. ances of a solemn character that would not be revocable at their con' EUGENE BODE, "If the powers refuse to convert their existing offers and professions

into definite written engagements, it is said to be the policy of our State ELK RUN WHISKEY. This celebrated brand of KENTUCKY PURE RYE WHISKEY, guaranteed 100 proof and 2 years old at \$2 per gallon is for sale by Mrs. J. F. Monroe, Commerce treet, Fredericksburg, Va. For flavor it is no superior at the price. It is smooth, pleasant to drink, and there is not a headache in a gallon. Come and try it, and you will buy no other. Department to fall back upon our treaties with China as giving all that we ask. Should Russia, France or Germany definitely annex their respective spheres of influence, the sitstion would of course be radically

recognized, and such annexation—as illustrated in the case of Madagascar 1889

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